SITES-M Mathematics Challenge

School Garden in Order

Level: Grade Three

Standard: Number and Operations

Learning Target: Focus on Compare & Order

Checks for Understanding

0306.1.2 Compare and order decimal amounts in the context of money.
0306.2.2 Understand and use the symbols =, <, and > to signify order and comparison.

State Performance Indicators

SPI 0406.2.6 Use the symbols =, <, and > to compare common fractions and decimals in both increasing and decreasing order.
SPI 0306.2.13 Recognize, compare, and order fractions.
The purpose of the Mathematics Challenges is to provide opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate understanding of important mathematical concepts and standards. Each Challenge includes a set of tasks that require higher-order thinking skills. Because these types of tasks may be new for students and they will have varying levels of understanding, the student responses will vary. The Challenges and guiding questions were designed to help teachers plan their implementation and elicit, analyze, and act on evidence of student understanding.

You will be able to choose which Mathematics Challenge Packet to implement each month, according to the learning needs of your students and your teaching context. Each packet contains all the materials necessary to implement the Mathematics Challenge including a grade-appropriate Challenge, the Mathematics Challenge Meeting Protocol, and the Guiding Questions for Analyzing Student Responses to Mathematics Challenges.

For each Challenge, you will complete a six step process of planning, implementation, and analysis and reflection.

**The Mathematics Challenge Process**

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Each month, your Professional Learning Community will meet to discuss the implementation of one Mathematics Challenge. In preparation for your monthly meeting, please print and review this month’s Mathematics Challenge, solve all tasks within the Challenge, and think about the guiding questions below. These questions will be used to facilitate a group discussion regarding the implementation of the upcoming Mathematics Challenge.

**Guiding Questions for Implementing the Mathematics Challenges**

1. What is the title of the Challenge that you will use this month?
2. What skills or standards is this Challenge measuring?
3. Where does this Challenge fit within your curriculum? Within which unit?
4. At what point during the unit will you administer this Challenge (e.g., At the beginning of a unit to determine what students do or do not know, at the end of a unit to assess what students have or have not learned, in the middle of a unit to determine where to go next instructionally)?
5. How will your students complete this Challenge (e.g., individually, one-on-one, in small groups, as a class)? Why?
6. Are there any prerequisite skills, common misunderstandings, or vocabulary needs that you will have to address? What are they?
7. What difficulties do you anticipate your students will have with the Challenge? How will you address them?
8. Are these skills and difficulties different for special needs students, ELL students, etc.? How? Will you do anything different for these students? What?
9. How will you evaluate student responses (e.g., grade responses with the provided rubric, scan responses to identify common mistakes/misconceptions, have students evaluate one another’s responses, have students evaluate their own response)?
10. What will student responses to this Challenge tell you about student understanding?
11. How might you use this evidence of student understanding to adapt your teaching and learning?
12. What other materials, resources, or support might you need? Where can you get them?
13. How can your colleagues assist you in the analysis of student understanding?
14. What other questions or concerns do you have about this Mathematics Challenge?

After you have implemented the challenge with your class, be sure to respond to the Guiding Questions on the Analyzing Student Responses Protocol.
School Garden in Order

**Standard:** Number and Operations

**Learning Target:** Focus on comparing and ordering

**Claims:**
Students should understand and be able to explain or demonstrate how to:
- Understand and use the symbols =, <, and > to signify order and comparison;
- Recognize, compare, and order fractions;
- Compare and order decimal amounts in the context of money.

**Task Preparation:**
Each student will need a copy of the student response sheet, a pencil, and crayons (including red and green).

**Stimulus Cards (Drawing or Word Description):**
None

**Manipulatives/Supplies:**
A copy of the student response sheet for each student
Pencils
Crayons (including red and green)
SITES-M Mathematics Challenge
Focus on Comparing and Ordering Grade 3

Cues/Directions:
Distribute student response sheets. Students should be directed to look at each figure carefully. Allow students time to answer.

Instruct students to follow along as you read aloud and say: Ms. Belen’s, Ms. Harper’s, and Mr. Liu’s classes went to the local farmers’ market to sell the fruits and vegetables they grew in the school garden.

1. Say: Ms. Belen’s class grew 342 strawberries. Ms. Harper’s class grew 324 strawberries. Write the correct symbol ( <, >, or = ) to compare the numbers. (TEACHER NOTE: Students should fill in the blank with the correct symbol.) Why did you choose that symbol? (TEACHER NOTE: Students should write their answers in the box.)

2. Ms. Harper’s class grew 24 ears of corn, and they sold $\frac{1}{4}$ of what they grew. Mr. Liu’s class also grew 24 ears of corn, and they sold $\frac{1}{3}$ of what they grew. In the pictures below, circle the amount of corn sold in Ms. Harper’s class, and circle the amount of corn sold in Mr. Liu’s class. (TEACHER NOTE: Have students circle the correct amount of corn in each picture.) Write the correct symbol ( <, >, or = ) to compare the fractions. (TEACHER NOTE: Students should fill in the blank with the correct symbol.) How do you know the symbol you chose is correct? (TEACHER NOTE: Students should write their answers in the box.)

3. Mr. Liu’s class and Ms. Belen’s class each baked apple pies with apples they grew. Each class baked 1 pie of the same size and cut the pie into 8 slices of equal size. Mr. Liu’s class sold $\frac{4}{8}$ of their pie, and Ms. Belen’s class sold $\frac{1}{2}$ of their pie. Color in the number of slices of pie sold by each class. (TEACHER NOTE: Have students color in pieces of the pie with their crayons.) Write the correct symbol ( <, >, or = ) to compare the fractions. (TEACHER NOTE: Students should fill in the blank with the correct symbol.) How do you know the symbol you chose is correct? (TEACHER NOTE: Students should write their answers in the box.)
4. Sharon has a bag of 40 cherries. She gave \( \frac{1}{8} \) of the 40 cherries to Dave and she gave \( \frac{1}{2} \) of the 40 cherries to Maria. Circle the amount of cherries she gave to Dave in green, and circle the amount of cherries she gave to Maria in red. (TEACHER NOTE: Have students circle the numbers of cherries with the correct colors.) Who got more cherries, Dave or Maria? (TEACHER NOTE: Students should mark the correct box.) How do you know? (TEACHER NOTE: Students should write their answers in the box.)

5. Some of the money the classes made by selling their fruits and vegetables is in a list below. Put the amounts of money below in the correct blanks so that they are in order from least to greatest. (TEACHER NOTE: Students should put one number on each blank. Note that this list needs to be ordered from least to greatest, and they are ordering from left to right.)
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1. Ms. Belen’s class grew 342 strawberries. Ms. Harper’s class grew 324 strawberries. Write the correct symbol ( <, >, or = ) to compare the numbers.

   $342 \ _____ \ 324$

Why did you choose that symbol?
2. Ms. Harper’s class grew 24 ears of corn, and they sold \( \frac{1}{4} \) of what they grew. Mr. Liu’s class also grew 24 ears of corn, and they sold \( \frac{1}{3} \) of what they grew.

In the pictures below, circle the amount of corn sold in Ms. Harper’s class, and circle the amount of corn sold in Mr. Liu’s class.

Write the correct symbol ( <, >, or = ) to compare the fractions.

\[
\frac{1}{4} \quad \text{_______} \quad \frac{1}{3}
\]

How do you know the symbol you chose is correct?
3. Mr. Liu’s class and Ms. Belen’s class each baked apple pies with apples they grew. Each class baked 1 pie of the same size and cut the pie into 8 slices of equal size.

Mr. Liu’s class sold \( \frac{4}{8} \) of their pie, and Ms. Belen’s class sold \( \frac{1}{2} \) of their pie. Color in the number of slices of pie sold by each class.

Write the correct symbol (\(<\), \(>,\) or \(=\)) to compare the fractions.

\[
\frac{4}{8} \quad \underline{\quad} \quad \frac{1}{2}
\]

How do you know the symbol you chose is correct?
4. Sharon has a bag of 40 cherries. She gave \( \frac{1}{8} \) of the 40 cherries to Dave and she gave \( \frac{1}{2} \) of the 40 cherries to Maria.

Circle the amount of cherries she gave to Dave in green, and circle the amount of cherries she gave to Maria in red.

Who got more cherries, Dave or Maria?  

How do you know?
5. Some of the money the classes made by selling their fruits and vegetables is in a list below. Put the amounts of money below in the correct blanks so that they are in order from least to greatest.

$3.35  $33.50  $35.33  $5.33  $3.53  $0.55

______  ______  ______  ______  ______  greatest

least
Task 1:
A) Be sure that students understand that the word “compare” signifies “to determine a difference in value between two numbers.” For this task, students should determine which of the two numbers has the greater or lesser value.

B) Be sure that students understand the difference between the greater than (>) symbol and the less than (<) symbol. Some students may confuse them, so it is important to determine if the explanation of their choice of symbol provides evidence that they understand the mathematical concept. Working with manipulatives or providing a mnemonic [“the symbol opens wide to the number of greater (bigger) value” or “the ‘alligator mouth’ eats the larger number”] may help.

C) Be sure that students understand that the value of a number is determined by the location of the digits: whether they are in the unit’s place, ten’s place, hundred’s place, etc. (how many one’s, ten’s, hundred’s, etc. there are or which power of 10 they multiply).

D) Students may answer in words, symbols (digits, dots, dashes, base-10 block representations, etc.), or by using manipulatives (blocks, cubes). They may also use number lines or recall number sense. Be sure they understand that they can get the correct answer using any of these strategies, though some are more efficient.

E) If a student says or writes, “I just know,” prompt him or her by saying something like “I’m glad you know, but it’s important in math to be able to explain your answers so other people can understand what you’re thinking.” (This applies to the other tasks, as well.)

F) If a student says or writes, “I don’t know,” say something positive like “Let’s start with what you do know about this problem.” Students often know more than they think or say, and getting them to vocalize or write about that knowledge is all they need. (This applies to the other tasks, as well.)

Task 2:
A) Be sure that students understand that the bottom number (denominator) of a fraction tells how many equal portions the whole or group has been divided into, and the top number (numerator) tells how many portions are being considered.
B) Some students may have the misconception that each fractional part of a whole or a group does not have to be equal in size or in number, e.g., 1/4 of 24 could be 5, 6, 7, etc. as long as 24 has been divided into four parts.

C) For the first part, students may circle/count different ears of corn (rows, columns, scattered ears, etc.), as long as they add up to the correct number represented by the fraction. Be sure they understand that they can get the correct answer using any of these methods.

D) Be sure that students understand the difference between the greater than (>) symbol and the less than (<) symbol. Some students may confuse them, so it is important to determine if the explanation of their choice of symbol provides evidence that they understand the mathematical concept.

E) For the second part, students may answer in words, symbols, or by using manipulatives. They may also use number lines or recall number sense and division facts. Be sure they understand that they can get the correct answer using any of these strategies, though some are more efficient.

Task 3:
A) Be sure that students understand that the bottom number (denominator) of a fraction tells how many equal portions a whole or group has been divided into, and the top number (numerator) tells how many portions are being considered.

B) Some students may have the misconception that each fractional part of a whole or a group does not have to be equal in size or in number, e.g., 1/2 of a pie could be larger than the other half, as long as the pie has been divided into two parts.

C) For the first part, students may color/count different slices of the pies, as long as they add up to the correct number represented by the fractions (4). Be sure they understand that they can get the correct answer using any of these methods.

D) Be sure that students understand the difference between the greater than (>) symbol and the less than (<) symbol. Some students may confuse them, so it is important to determine if the explanation of their choice of symbol provides evidence that they understand the mathematical concept.

E) Be sure that students understand that fractions are equal, or equivalent, as long as they represent the same portion of a whole or group. Working with fraction manipulatives may help.

F) For the second part, students may answer in words, symbols, or by using manipulatives. They may also use number lines or recall number sense and division facts. Be sure they understand that they can get the correct answer using any of these strategies, though some are more efficient.
Task 4:
A) Be sure that students understand that the bottom number (denominator) of a fraction tells how many equal portions a whole or group has been divided into, and the top number (numerator) tells how many portions are being considered.

B) Some students may have the misconception that each fractional part of a whole or a group does not have to be equal in size or in number, e.g., 1/8 of 40 could be 5, 6, 7, etc. as long as 40 has been divided into eight parts.

C) For the first part, students may circle/count different cherries (rows, columns, scattered cherries, etc.), as long as they add up to the correct number represented by the fraction. Be sure they understand that they can get the correct answer using any of these methods.

D) For the second part, students may answer in words, symbols, or by using manipulatives. They may also count on their fingers, use number lines, or recall number sense and addition/subtraction/division facts. Be sure they understand that they can get the correct answer using any of these strategies, though some are more efficient.

Task 5:
A) Be sure that students understand that the word “greatest” signifies “an amount of more value than all the others,” and the word “least” signifies “an amount of less value than all the others.”

B) Be sure that students understand that the words “in order” signify “that each amount in the list has a certain relationship to the ones on either side of it.” For this task, each amount of money must be greater in value than the one to its left and lesser in value than the ones to its right.

C) Be sure that students understand that the words “least to greatest” signify “that the amounts of money should increase in value going from left to right,” as they read.
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\[ 342 \quad > \quad 324 \]

Why did you choose that symbol?

> is the sign for greater than, and 342 is more than 324.

(Answers may vary)
2. Ms. Harper’s class grew 24 ears of corn, and they sold $\frac{1}{4}$ of what they grew. Mr. Liu’s class also grew 24 ears of corn, and they sold $\frac{1}{3}$ of what they grew.

In the pictures below, circle the amount of corn sold in Ms. Harper’s class, and circle the amount of corn sold in Mr. Liu’s class.

Write the correct symbol ( $<$, $>$, or $=$) to compare the fractions.

\[
\frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{3}
\]

How do you know the symbol you chose is correct?

$<$ IS THE LESS THAN SIGN.

\[\frac{1}{4} \text{ OF 24 IS } 6 \text{ AND } \frac{1}{3} \text{ OF 24 IS } 8.\]

\[6 \text{ IS LESS THAN } 8, \text{ so } \frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{3}.\]
3. Mr. Liu’s class and Ms. Belen’s class each baked apple pies with apples they grew. Each class baked 1 pie of the same size and cut the pie into 8 slices of equal size.

Mr. Liu’s class sold \( \frac{4}{8} \) of their pie, and Ms. Belen’s class sold \( \frac{1}{2} \) of their pie. Color in the number of slices of pie sold by each class.

Write the correct symbol (\(<\), \(>\), or \(=\)) to compare the fractions.

\[
\frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}
\]

How do you know the symbol you chose is correct?

Both classes sold the same amount, so \( \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2} \).

(Answers may vary)
4. Sharon has a bag of 40 cherries. She gave $\frac{1}{8}$ of the 40 cherries to Dave and she gave $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 40 cherries to Maria. Circle the amount of cherries she gave to Dave in green, and circle the amount of cherries she gave to Maria in red.

Who got more cherries, Dave or Maria? [ ] Dave [x] Maria

How do you know?

**Maria got 20 and Dave got 5.**

20 is more than 5.

(Answers may vary.)
5. Some of the money the classes made by selling their fruits and vegetables is in a list below. Put the amounts of money below in the correct blanks so that they are in order from least to greatest.

$3.35  $33.50  $35.33  $5.33  $3.53  $0.55

least  $3.35  $3.53  $5.33  $33.50  $35.33  greatest
# SITES-M Mathematics Challenge Rubric
## Focus on Comparing and Ordering Grade 3

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<td>Mathematical</td>
<td>Response shows complete understanding of the mathematical</td>
<td>Response shows substantial understanding of the mathematical</td>
<td>Response shows some understanding of the mathematical concepts</td>
<td>Response shows very limited understanding of the underlying</td>
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<td>Concepts</td>
<td>concepts used to solve the problem(s).</td>
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<td>Response shows evidence in ALL of the following tasks. <strong>Task 1.</strong></td>
<td>Task 1. Student uses the &gt; sign and says that it means greater</td>
<td>Response shows evidence in only 4 of the tasks described; may</td>
<td>Response shows evidence in 2 or fewer of the tasks described; may</td>
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<td>Task 2. Student uses the &lt; sign and says that it means less than.</td>
<td>exhibit the following errors. <strong>Task 4.</strong> Student says that Maria</td>
<td>exhibit the errors described in category 3.</td>
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<td>got more, but does not mention the actual numbers. <strong>Task 5.</strong></td>
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<td>Student orders correctly, but in the opposite direction.</td>
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### CATEGORY 4 3 2 1

**Strategy/Procedures**
- Student typically uses an efficient and effective strategy to solve the problem(s).
- Student typically uses an effective strategy to solve the problem(s).
- Student sometimes uses an effective strategy to solve problem(s), but not consistently.
- Student rarely uses an effective strategy to solve problem(s).

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<td><strong>Task 2</strong></td>
<td>Response shows evidence in ALL of the following tasks. <strong>Student provides evidence of counting ears of corn (numbers, tally marks, pencil marks, etc.).</strong></td>
<td>Response shows evidence in only 2 of the tasks described in category 4.</td>
<td>Response shows evidence in only 1 of the tasks described in category 4.</td>
<td>Response shows no evidence of counting.</td>
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<td><strong>Student provides evidence of counting slices of pie (numbers, tally marks, pencil marks, etc.).</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Student provides evidence of counting cherries (numbers, tally marks, pencil marks, etc.).</strong></td>
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<td>Response shows evidence in ALL of the following tasks. <strong>Task 1.</strong> Student explains that 342 is more than (or bigger than) 324 and so the correct symbol to use is &gt;.  <strong>Task 2.</strong> Student explains that 1/4 of 24 is 6 and 1/3 of 24 is 8, and since 6 is less than 8, 1/4 must less than 1/3 and the correct symbol to use is &lt;.  <strong>Task 3.</strong> Student explains that 4/8 of a pie is 4 slices and 1/2 of a pie is 4 slices (OR that 4/8 of the pie is 1/2 of the pie), and that since both classes sold 4 slices each, 4/8 must equal 1/2 and the correct symbol to use is =.  <strong>Task 4.</strong> Student explains that Maria got 20 cherries and that Dave got only 5 cherries, so Maria got more.</td>
<td>Response shows evidence in only 3 of the tasks, but may lack detail in explanation, as evidenced by the following. <strong>Task 2.</strong> Student does not connect 1/4 with 6 or 1/3 with 8.  <strong>Task 3.</strong> Student does not connect 1/2 pie with 4 slices.</td>
<td>Response shows evidence in only 2 of the tasks, with errors described in category 3.</td>
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<td>Mathematical Accuracy</td>
<td>Response shows all or almost all of the steps and solutions have no mathematical errors.</td>
<td>Response shows most of the steps and solutions have no mathematical errors.</td>
<td>Response shows some of the steps and solutions have no mathematical errors.</td>
<td>Response shows few of the steps and solutions have no mathematical errors.</td>
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<td>Student provides correct answers for ALL of the following tasks.</td>
<td>Task 2: Student circles any 6 ears of corn in left box AND any 8 ears of corn not already circled in right box.</td>
<td>Task 3: Student shades any 4 slices of pie on the left and any 4 slices of pie on the right.</td>
<td>Task 4: Student circles any 5 cherries in green, any 20 cherries in red, and no cherry is circled more than once.</td>
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### Compare Order Grade 3

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<td>Explains that 342 is more than 324 and that is why the sign &gt; is correct.</td>
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<td>Provides evidence of counting (i.e., writes numbers or marks next to ears of corn).</td>
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<td>Explains that 1/4 of 24 is 6 and that 1/3 of 24 is 8, and that because 6 is less than 8, 1/4 must be less than 1/3.</td>
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<td>Circles any 6 ears of corn in left box AND any 8 ears of corn in right box.</td>
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<td>Explains that 4/8 of pie on left is 4 slices AND 1/2 of pie on right is also 4 slices, so 4/8 = 1/2.</td>
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<td>Explanation</td>
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<td>Shades any 4 slices on the left pie AND any 4 slices on the right pie.</td>
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<td>Accuracy</td>
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<td><strong>Task 4</strong></td>
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<td>Indicates that Maria got more than Dave because Maria got 20 cherries and Dave got only 5 cherries.</td>
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<td>Concept</td>
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<td>Provides evidence of counting (i.e., writes numbers or marks next to cherries).</td>
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<td>Strategy</td>
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<td>Explains that 1/8 of 40 is 5 and 1/2 of 40 is 20, and that because 20 is more than 5, 1/2 is more than 1/8. Therefore, Maria got more cherries.</td>
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<td>Explanation</td>
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<td>Circles any 5 cherries in green and any 20 cherries in red, AND no cherry is circled more than once.</td>
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<td><strong>Task 5</strong></td>
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<td>Lists in order (0.55, 3.35, 3.53, 5.33, 33.50, 35.33).</td>
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<td>Concept</td>
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<td>Lists in order (but may go greatest to least).</td>
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<td>Accuracy</td>
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Analyzing Student Responses Protocol

The purpose of the Mathematics Challenges is to provide opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate understanding of important mathematical concepts and standards. They include extended responses, open-ended tasks, and tasks that require higher-order thinking skills. Because these types of tasks may be novel for students and they will have varying levels of understanding, the student responses will vary.

The guiding questions below were designed to assist you in analyzing your class’ response to the Challenge and determining appropriate next steps for your teaching and learning. Responses to these questions are for your reflection and documentation and will not be collected.

Guiding Questions for Analyzing Student Responses to the Mathematics Challenges

1. When completing the Challenge, what did your students do well? How do you know?

2. When completing the Challenge, what did your students struggle with? How do you know?

3. When your students completed the Challenge, did they implement multiple correct solutions strategies? What insightful approaches to problem solving did you observe?
4. What, if any, patterns (e.g., common errors/misconceptions) did you observe across your student responses?

5. What questions or concerns did your students have when working through this Challenge or a particular task? Are these things you should address for the class as a whole?

6. What, if any, feedback did you provide to your class? How did you provide it?

7. What did you learn about your students’ mathematical understanding based on their responses to this Challenge?

Reminders:
1) After you have completed the Challenge with your class and responded to these Guiding Questions for Analyzing Student Responses, please complete the Challenge Feedback Log. A link to this Log is e-mailed to you each month. Responses will be used to improve the Challenges and to provide recommendations for teachers implementing the Challenges in future years.

2) Please provide copies of all student work to the Assessment Coordinator.